

# **ELIGIBLE APPLICANT DOCUMENTATION**

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## **1. Is the applicant a public agency as defined in Section B of the Guidelines?**

The Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority (GBA), organized in 2001, is a joint powers authority comprised of the following member agencies:

- City of Lodi
- City of Stockton
- California Water Service Company - Stockton\*
- Woodbridge Irrigation District
- Stockton East Water District
- North San Joaquin Water Conservation District
- Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District
- Central Delta Water Agency
- South Delta Water Agency
- San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation\*\*

\*Appointed Board Member

\*\*Associate Member

With the exception of the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation and the California Water Service Company - Stockton (Calwater), the remaining agencies are local public agencies. As a non-governmental organization and Associate Member Agency, the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation may participate in discussions, but may not vote on Authority actions or incur liabilities on behalf of the Authority.

To facilitate Calwater representation on the GBA Board of Directors, the City of Stockton is afforded two voting members on the Board of Directors. The Authority Joint Powers Agreement is specific in stipulating that at least one of the appointments be a representative of Calwater. On November 30, 2004, the Stockton City Council formally appointed Stan Ferraro to the Authority Board of Directors. The Sacramento Groundwater Authority employs a similar method of appointment to include investor owned utilities on their Board of Directors (Sacramento Groundwater Authority Website, [www.sgah2o.org](http://www.sgah2o.org)).

As defined in Section B of the Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Guidelines, the GBA is a public agency.

## **2. What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?**

Government Code Section 6500 et seq. Joint Powers Authority. Additionally, the GBA

has prepared and adopted an AB 3030 groundwater management plan pursuant to Water Code Section 10750 et. seq. The groundwater management plan was adopted by the GBA on September 22, 2004.

**3. Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California, DWR or SWRCB?**

Yes. As a joint powers authority formed under Government Code Section 6500 et seq., the GBA may enter into an agreement with the State.

**4. Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the proposal and tracking of funds.**

As stated in the GBA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, the San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District may hire consultants and direct staff on behalf of the GBA in order to carry out the mission of the GBA. The Project Director, Mel Lylte, Ph.D., is a Senior Management Staff member of the District and has been delegated the authority to direct staff and consultants to ensure the performance of the proposal and tracking of funds on behalf of the GBA.

